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SUBJECT

G.P. Arthur, suspected to be helping the Chin. Revolutionary Party.

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November 18,

Sir Everard D.H. Fraser, K.C.M.G.,
H.B.M's Consul-General,
Shanghai.

My dear Sir Everard, **Confidential.**

With reference to my letter No. 287 of August 10, I have to inform you that George R. Arthur arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostock on November 13 on the S.S. "Simbirsk", and that he is living with his relatives at No. 6 Barchet Road.

Yours sincerely,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL POLICE Station.

18th November, 1918.

REPORT ON George R. Arthur.

Made by D.S. Sullivan. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector

Sir,

George R. Arthur arrived in Shanghai from Vladivostock on the 13th instant on the s.s. "Simbirsk."

He is living with his relatives at 6 Barchet Road.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. Sullivan
Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

C. I. D.
I. O. REG
No. 287
Date 12/8/18

August 10, 8.

H.B.M's Consul-General,

Shanghai.

Sir, **Confidential.**

With regard to G.R. Arthur, about whom I understand you are anxious to obtain particulars, I have the honour to report that he left Shanghai to join the Coolie Corps in June 1917. He was connected with China for several years. In 1912 he joined the Municipal Health Department in which he remained until the end of 1915. During these years he was very friendly with Tang Shao Yi, the notorious Koumintang. In the Spring of 1916 he went up country a few times without any apparent reason, and it was reported that these trips were made in the interests of the rebel party.

Later in 1916, Arthur became Clerk of Works on the Yangtsze building, retaining that position until a short time before he left to join the Coolie Corps.

While in the Health Department, Arthur professed to be an American, but it is stated that he succeeded in securing registration as a British subject some months before he left Shanghai.

H.B.M's Consulate enquired about Arthur in February 1916 in connexion with some suspicious telegrams which he received, and a report was submitted about the matter.

Arthur seems incapable of holding any position long. He has always been Pro-Ally. A look-out will be kept for him and a further report will be submitted when he arrives here.

C. I. D.
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Captain-Superintendent of Police.

Form No. 2
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No. 287
Date 12/8/18

Shanghai Municipal Police.

CENTRAL POLICE Station.

9th August, 1918.

REPORT ON G. R. Arthur, Lieutenant in Coolie Corps.

Made by D.S.I.Givens. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

G. R. Arthur, who left Shanghai to join the Coolie Corps in June 1917, has been connected with China for several years. Returning here in 1912, he joined the Municipal Health Department, in which he remained till the end of 1915. During these years he was very friendly with Tang Shao Yi, the notorious Koumingtang. In the Spring of 1916 he went up country a few times without any apparent reason, and it was reported that these trips were made in the interests of the rebel party. Later in 1916, Arthur became clerk of works on the Yangtse building, retaining that position until a short time before he left to join the Coolie Corps.

While in the Health Department, Arthur professed to be an American, but it is said that he succeeded in securing registration as a British subject some months before he left Shanghai.

The British Consulate inquired about Arthur in February 1916 in connection with some suspicious telegrams which he received, and a report was submitted about the matter on the 9th of that month.

Arthur, who is given to vain boasting, seems incapable of holding any position long. He has always been pro-ally.

A look out will be kept for Arthur, and a further report will be submitted when he arrives here.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T.P. Givens

D.S.I.

C.D.I.

C. I. D.
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No.
Date 12/8/18

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Secretary's Office—
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SHANGHAI,

31st July 1918

Lieut. George Arthur

Born of British parents who for some reason transferred from British to American register. His father acted as an American Govt, Pilot Passed as an American until outbreak of War and was a member of the American Company of Volunteers.

Was employed for a year or two after his return from Canada in the Municipal Health Dept. Was clerk of works at the Yangtsze Building. Is said to be unable to keep any position long.

In Shanghai he spent a good deal of his time at the Cinema Halls, During his stay in Canada his mother had to give financial help and since his return has practically supported him and his four children . He was to pay $60 per month for board but has not always done so.

C.S.I.

Please look out for this man on arrival - expected here shortly - Consulate would like a report on him.

Evans

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

C. I. D.
I. O. REG
No. ~~1098~~
Date 17/4/17

CENTRAL POLICE Station.

16th April, 1917.

REPORT ON G. R. Arthur.

Made by D.S.Givens. Forwarded by Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

I beg to report that a man named G. R. Arthur, who was formerly employed in the Health Department of the Municipal Council, and who professed to be an American citizen, now claims that he recently became a British subject, and that he has obtained a post as officer-interpreter in the Chinese coolie corps. He expects to be ordered North soon.

Arthur, the man above referred to, came under the notice of this department on a few occasions during the past 15 months. Enquiries made from time to time go to show that he was born in the United States of British parents, and has been pro-Ally in politics. He was suspected of actively assisting in revolutionary propaganda in the early part of 1916, when it was thought that he was working for Tang Shao Yi.

The British Consulate inquired about him in the early part of February 1916 regarding some suspicious telegrams which he received, and a report was submitted on the matter on the 9th of that month.

Nothing is known regarding the authenticity of Arthur's statement that he has become a British subject, but he seems to have been trying to register in the British Consulate for some time. He formerly tried to register as a citizen of the United States but was not successful, although the American Consulate here did actually afford him some measure of protection, and once gave him a passport.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.

C.D.I.

B.S.P.
This may be filed with the Bureau.

Said to have left with coolies. 4/6/17

D.S.

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C. I. D.
K. O. REG
No. 287
Date 28/4/16

Shanghai Municipal Police.

Central Police Station.

Shanghai, April 28, 1916.

REPORT ON Suspicious Actions of an American named Arthur.

Made by D. S. Givens. **Forwarded by** Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

I beg to report that while travelling from Wusih to Soochow on the 26th inst., I met an American named Arthur, who was formerly employed in the Health Department. He did not acturally say so, but I gathered from his conversation that he is a rebel spy. He told me that he was in Kiangyin when the forts went over and took some despatches from the officer in command there to the captain of a Chinese man-of-war in Nanking. He also showed me a pocket booked containing notes of the strength of the soldiers at Nanking and Chinkiang, together with particulars of the transfer of troops from and to different places between Nanking and Shanghai.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. S. Givens

Detective Sergeant.

Chief Detective Inspector.

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Shanghai Municipal Police.

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5/5/16

Sinza Station.
May 5 th 1916

REPORT ON An American Citizen who is supposed to be helping the Chinese Revolutionary party.

Made by Det.Insp.Fitzgibbon. *Forwarded by* Chief Detective Inspector.

Sir,

I was speaking to a European this morning who confidentially related to me the following story. That an ex.employee of the Municipal Health Department named Arthur living at NO.II Hannen Road who has made no secret of his connection with the Revolutionary Campaign in this Country told my informant about three days before the Hsinyui was sunk that he was boarding a cruiser on that day which might cost him his life.

My informant says he has not seen Arthur since.

yours obediently,
Maurice Fitzgibbon.
Det.Insp.

Chief Detective Inspector.